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1. Inter-American Statistical Institute

Special, 1952

Introduction

The Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI) is a professional organization that promotes statistical development in the American region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IASI seeks to develop and strengthen the statistical profession, including promoting advances in statistical theory and methods both at governmental and non-governmental levels and in cooperation with national and international organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

IASI is spearheaded by an Executive Director and a Deputy Executive Director. It approved new statues in 2013 and revised bylaws in 2014.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IASI regularly contributes to reports of the sessions of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC). IASI also regularly disseminates information on statistical activities of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies through quarterly newsletters and scientific journals. It also conducts regular seminars and meetings on applied statistics and activities in cooperation with the United Nations Statistics Divisions, the International Statistical Institute and the World Bank, amongst others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It was represented in the annual sessions of the UNSC and attended the Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA) hosted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In addition to regular interactions with the UNSC, IASI also collaborates with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division (SEPD) of ECLAC to discuss and advance on policies in statistics.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IASI regularly disseminates information among its members and supports activities related to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) led by the national institutes of statistics of the various countries in the American region.

2. International AIDS Society (IAS)

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1988 and with a global membership representing over 180 countries, the International AIDS Society (IAS) is one of the largest associations seeking to consolidate a global response to HIV/AIDS.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IAS aims to end the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and lead collective action on the response through its membership base and convening power. It uses its scientific authority to transform science into policy and subsequently into tangible impact against the epidemic, while advocating for sustained global leadership, increased investment and the elimination of stigma and discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

IAS nominated a new President in July 2014. IAS has also adopted a new five-year strategic plan which outlines concrete initiatives and progress related to the HIV/AIDS response.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IAS actively collaborates with Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and World Health Organization (WHO) on matters related to HIV science and programme implementation. WHO utilizes the global platforms of the IAS to launch global reports and updates including the guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection in 2013; and the consolidated guidelines on HIV testing services in 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2013 and 2015, IAS participated in meetings of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board and the WHO World Health Assembly. It also attended the Joint WHO/UNAIDS annual consultation with pharmaceutical companies and stakeholders on forecasting the global demand of antiretroviral drugs for the period 2013 to 2016 which took place in Geneva, Switzerland on 25 and 26 November 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IAS partners with UNAIDS on a continuous basis and regularly collaborates with WHO as part of IAS' Industry Liaison Forum Advisory Group. WHO has also sponsored the organization of IAS conferences between 2013 and 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IAS supports the development agenda by working towards ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all. IAS promotes the implementation of evidence-based responses to HIV/AIDS and regularly organizes conferences on AIDS and HIV science. Noteworthy programmes include the "Towards and HIV Cure Project" and the "Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research."

3. International Association against Painful Experiments on Animals

Special, 1972

Introduction

Established in 1969, International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals (IAAPEA) coordinates activities of groups opposed to the use of animals for experimental purposes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IAAPEA seeks to encourage the development of procedures and techniques which renounces the use of animals and provides safer, cheaper and more reliable alternatives.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In order to raise awareness of the United Nations World Wildlife Day, representatives presented in schools and organized wildlife photo exhibitions to herald the importance of wildlife. It also funds medical research for cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses and disseminates information through its multilingual internet website available in 26 languages.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives have submitted scientific reports to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) regarding alternative research techniques to test drugs, such as tissue culture, cell culture, stem cell and computer models.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IAAPEA supported the MDGs through the following initiatives: raising awareness through presentations and debates to academic institutions; launching campaigns to end poverty and hunger; and conducting political lobbying and exhibitions globally. It has also actively advocated for the inclusion of animal protection issues in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

4. International Association for Democracy in Africa

Special, 1996

Introduction

International Association for Democracy in Africa (IADA) aims to bring peace and solidarity in Africa by promoting bottom-up approaches built on shared values.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IADA designs and develops innovative economy-strengthening programs for households and communities, paying special attention to children and youth who have been orphaned or made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS. More specifically, it aims to achieve the following: provide education to children targeting physical, intellectual, academic, mental and spiritual development; provide social-economic assistance including food, clothing, medical equipment, transportation, access to facilities including libraries and laboratories; and organize social, cultural, educational and welfare programmes and activities for children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IADA regularly engages in consultations with the academia on malnutrition and its effects. It also convened a seminar on implementing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Mozambique in July 2015. Moreover, it facilitated the distribution of Antiretroviral Drugs (ARV) drugs in West African countries and increased awareness about illegal poaching and deforestation through seminars.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It keenly follows the developments of the Human Rights Council (HRC), in Geneva, Switzerland and attended regular HRC sessions 19 through 30 convened between 2012 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IADA liaises with the Secretariat of the United Nations and its subsidiary agencies and also made special efforts to advocate with member states on the implementation of various human rights resolutions. IADA also works with

policymakers to shape responsive integrative policies on social issues, including human rights experts, special rapporteurs and NGO's addressing a variety of issues concerning violations of individuals of African descent.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IADA has undertaken a number of concrete initiatives to support the MDGs, to include: distribution of vaccines for yellow fever in rural areas of Angola; convening health camps for pregnant women in Niger; supporting communities to construct reservoirs and ponds to facilitate access to safe drinking water in Gabon; launching a program to curb water borne diseases such as diarrhoea and cholera in Nigeria; and initiating community bank schemes in Sao Tome and Principe.

5. International Association for Media and Communication Research

Special, 2008

Introduction

The International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) is a global organisation of media and communication researchers representing over 100 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IAMCR conducts media and communication research while promoting global inclusiveness. It particularly encourages the participation of women, emerging scholars and individuals from economically disadvantaged regions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IAMCR supports the goals of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) by promoting international research in media and communications.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IAMCR representatives regularly participated in meetings of the Global Alliance for Media and Gender (GAMG) as well as the Global Alliance for Partnerships on Media and Information Literacy (GAPMIL) organized by UNESCO. It also attended the review meeting on the First World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10) held in Paris, France from 25 to 27 February 2013. Representatives partook in the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IAMCR prepared numerous articles for the GAMC and received UNESCO support for organizing conferences in Hyderabad, India and Leicester, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. IAMCR also supported and promoted various UNESCO campaigns, such as "Women Make the News" which is a global initiative aimed ensuring gender equality in the media.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IAMCR's activities supported the MDGs related to education, including media and information literacy, as well as gender equality and freedom of expression.

6. International Automobile Federation

Special, 1972

Introduction

International Automobile Federation (IAF) is a worldwide federation comprising of 235 motoring and touring organisations from over 140 countries. It was founded in 1904 with headquarters in Paris, France and Geneva, Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IAF seeks to: promote safe, affordable and sustainable mobility; defend the rights of consumers; support harmonisation of rules with respect to automobile manufacture and use; protect road users from excessive taxation and restrictive regulation; and facilitate movement of people and vehicles across international borders.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IAF works in close cooperation with the International Touring Alliance to administer internationally recognized documents which facilitate cross-border travel. It actively supported initiatives and campaigns to improve global road safety, including commemorating the United Nations Road Safety Week held biennially since 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFA actively participated in sessions of the Inland Transport Committee and working groups, notably within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). It also participated in the Working Parties on: the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP29); and the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP30). It also contributed to the proposals for the Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure finalized in 2014. IFA is

extensively involved in the work of the United Nations Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles of 1954, the Convention on Commercial Road Vehicles of 1956 and the Convention of Road Traffic of 1968.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IAF collaborates with the World Health Organization (WHO) to achieve the goals of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety, and is a member of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration chaired by the WHO. IAF is also an affiliate of the World Tourism Organization (WTO) and closely follows the initiatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). In 2015, its president was designated as the United Nations Special Envoy for Road Safety.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IAF continued to support the United Nations "Decade of Action for Road Safety" which targets a significant reduction in the expected number of road-related deaths and injuries during the period 2011 to 2020. It is also involved in the United Nations "The World We Want" initiative and supported numerous campaigns encouraging citizens to complete the "MyWorld 2015" global survey to include road safety in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

7. International Buddhist Relief Organisation

Special, 2000

Introduction

The International Buddhist Relief Organization (IBRO) is a registered charity based in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IBRO aims to deliver financial and direct support to people, regardless of their status, creed or geographical location, especially the most vulnerable.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization contributed to supporting schools and funding scholarships for over 1,000 students ranging from primary to university level in Sri Lanka. IBRO also provided humanitarian assistance to include counselling and housing for displaced individuals. It has expanded operations in Tanzania, Malaysia, Italy and Germany and established health centres in France and Switzerland. It continually makes efforts at the local, regional and international action on achieving universal education and annually organizes an assembly to commemorate the World AIDS day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participated was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This NGO undertook initiatives to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by feeding over 6,400 children and providing clothing to institutions and individuals in Africa, Asia and Europe. It continues to fund the Tithandizane health facilities in Zambia and dispatched wheelchairs to benefit senior citizens along with increasing access to potable water in communities.

8. International Catholic Migration Commission

Special, 1952

Introduction

Founded in 1951, the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) serves and protects refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and migrants. Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, it has liaison offices in Belgium and in the United States of America with staff deployed in over 40 countries worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICMC advocates for rights-based policies, durable solutions and capacity-building for migration with respect to refugee resettlement, humanitarian assistance, protection for vulnerable individuals, human trafficking, development and global governance.

Significant changes in the organization

In January 2015, the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration assumed presidency of ICMC.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICMC's added value to the work of the United Nations lies in its extensive expertise, resources, capacity and collaboration with a global network of partners worldwide. To this end, ICMC consistently engages with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Human Rights Council (HRC), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Office of the President of the General Assembly, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Bank.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, ICMC regularly attended the Executive Committee, Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement and the High Commissioner's dialogue on protection challenges organized by UNHCR. It also attended the Second Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development which took place on 12 and 13 November 2015 in Quito, Ecuador. It contributed to the 13th coordination meeting on international migration organized by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of which also attended by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ICMC collaborates with UNHCR on advancing on migrant resettlement. In this connection, it : supported the resettlement of 27,500 refugees to the United States; referred 261,000 persons for resettlement consideration; conducted 22,000 assessments of children; facilitated counselling to 60,000 new arrivals in Greece; provided shelter and health support to over 25,000 displaced persons affected by displacement in Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Syria; and counselled over 12,000 trafficked persons and victims of gender-based violence in Indonesia and Malaysia. In 2014, it collaborated with Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration to jointly establish an International Working Group on Stranded Migrants which laid the groundwork for the Migrants in Countries in Crisis initiative of 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICMC has coordinated activities of the civil society in the Global Forum on Migration and Development. Between 2013 and 2015, ICMC also led the global civil society "Stockholm Agenda" advocating for the inclusion of migration in the Sustainable Development Goals.

9. International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children

Special, 2008

Established in 1998, the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) is an international NGO working to advance child protection. With headquarters in the United States of America, ICMEC also has offices in Brazil and Singapore.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICMEC seeks to identify gaps in the global community's ability to adequately protect children from abduction, sexual abuse and exploitation, and ensure the corresponding arrangements in terms of personnel, resources and tools to meet the aforementioned challenges.

Significant changes in the organization

Since November 2014, ICMEC has a new President and Chief Executive Officer. Since January 2015, it has a new Chief Financial, Legal and Administrative Officer.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICMEC has actively participated in discussions on international humanitarian law and human rights as well as protecting children from all forms of abuse. It provided substantive inputs on child protection models to the Committee on United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in January 2013 and to the World Health Organization (WHO) on adoption of cases for sexual exploitation in December 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2013, ICMEC submitted a statement to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) substantive session addressing the growing problem of violence committed against children. It also regularly interacted with the Special Representative to the Secretary-General on Violence against Children. Other meetings attended include:

- Workshop on establishing an international framework on Child Online Protection hosted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) convened in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 25 to 27 April 2012;
- Roundtable on Business and Child Rights hosted by the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR), Aviva and the Consortium for Street Children held in Singapore on 10 and 11 December 2013;
- Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the elimination of violence against children hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) convened in Bangkok, Thailand from 18 to 21 February 2014; and the
- 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organization (DPI/NGO) Conference.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In September 2012 and March 2013, ICMEC in conjunction with UNODC's regional office and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) coordinated a seminar on online exploitation of children with participants from Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand and Vietnam. In 2014, it contributed to the Guidelines for Industry on Child Online Protection, in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Since November 2015, it has joined UNICEF's Regional Interagency Working Group on child protection and received funding for a series of events in Latin America including a workshop on technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and abuse in Brazil.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

10. International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care

Special, 2000

Introduction

The International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care (ICCPPC) is a worldwide association of delegates dedicated to ensuring pastoral care in prisons.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of ICCPPC are to: encourage greater awareness of pastoral care in prisons; sensitization on values of the Episcopal conferences and the local ordinaries to ensure pastoral care in prisons; organize courses and meetings for prison pastoral agents; and to promote the reform of the prison system.

Significant changes in the organization

It is been granted higher status with the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) and is a partner to the Church's forum on NGOs.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICCPPC promotes the work of the United Nations in relation to prison and justice matters and the "Mandela Rules", which is the revision of the 1955 United Nations Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners (SMR) adopted by the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (UNCCPJ) in Vienna, Austria on 22 May 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICCPPC regularly participates in meetings of the UNCCPJ including its intergovernmental expert group on standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ICCPPC played a significant role in the preparation of a United Nations Handbook for prison staff on radicalisation and violent extremism in prisons. It also conveys issues pertaining to the pastoral ministry in prisons to the UNCCPJ.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

11. International Council of Environmental Law

General, 2000

Introduction

International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL) is a non-profit organisation that promotes legal, administrative and policy aspects of environmental conservation and sustainable development. It was founded in 1969 and comprises over 220 members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICEL focuses on collecting, disseminating and applying information related to international, regional and national environmental laws and policies. Its objectives are to: increase cooperation amongst practitioners in the field; and to support new initiatives stimulating action on the development, negotiation, review and implementation of the globally agreed goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Agenda 21 and existing multilateral environmental agreements.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In support of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), ICEL provides resources for maintaining free online access to "ECOLEX — the gateway to environmental law" which is a comprehensive source of information on environmental law. Moreover, ICEL has published 24 issuances on environmental policy and law, disseminated over 190 articles on the work of the United Nations, and formulated over 250 documents addressing environmental protection.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICEL actively attended the First United Nations Environment Assembly held in Nairobi, Kenya on 23 June 2014 organized by UNEP. It also attended and submitted contributions to the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) convened in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil which served as basis for the "World We Want" 2015 web platform. Additionally, ICEL submitted input to the Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment of the Human Rights Council on best practices relating to the use of human rights obligations and commitments to strengthen environmental policy and prevention.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

During the reporting period, ICEL was represented at various meetings organized in the United Nations Headquarters as well as the regional commissions. In cooperation with International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), ICEL

released the fifth Edition of the "Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development — Implementing Sustainability" in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and delivered copies to member states and senior management in the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

12. International Council on Clean Transportation

Special, 2012

Introduction

International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) is a non-profit research organization with expertise in transportation, shipping, aviation, climate science and health. Active since 2005, it has offices in China, Germany and the United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICCT tailors its approach and systemic outputs to actuate transportation regulators, policy makers and key stakeholders responsible for influencing, developing and implementing transport policies. ICCT's work falls into four categories: Direct engagement with government agencies to provide technical assistance in the drafting of regulatory documents and data collection; Organizing public workshops for regulators on subjects including emissions, climate science, public health assessments, potential of technology and cost-benefit analyses; Working with consultants to lay the technical groundwork for future regulations; and Producing reports highlighting international best practices.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICCT engages in a number of transportation-related climate and clean air initiatives relevant to the work of the United Nations, particularly to promote sustainable development and to address climate change. It focuses on strengthening the capacity of agencies in the public sector to promulgate effective transport sector regulations that minimize climate change and improve public health.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICCT participated in the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) organized in 2014 and 2015 (COP 20 and 21) where it engaged in efforts to garner pledges made by major governments and companies and shape action plans to include climate mitigation.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ICCT collaborates with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environmental Protection Committee addressing pollutant emission standards and low sulphur fuel requirements, as well as setting fuel economy standards. ICCT is also closely involved with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and submitted technical assessments that contributed to the 2016 ICAO CO2 standard for new aircrafts. ICCT is closely involved in the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to reduce climate pollutants for which the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) serves as the secretariat. In collaboration with UNEP, ICCT also co-leads the heavy-duty diesel initiative of the CCAC.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICCT's programmes are aligned to goal 7 of the MDGs as they seek to: promote best practices and comprehensive solutions to improve vehicle emissions and efficiency; increase fuel quality and sustainability of alternative fuels; reduce pollution from the in-use fleet; and curtail emissions from international goods movement. ICCT works directly with regulators and stakeholders to develop country-wide regulatory policies to mitigate climate change. Relevant work also includes supporting a comparative assessment for fuel consumption targets for vehicles in Brazil and collaboration on a series of documents including a cost-benefit analysis in Mexico.

13. International Council on Social Welfare

General, 1972

Introduction

International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) is an NGO focused on advocacy, knowledge-building and technical assistance in support of social development. It was founded in 1928 in France and currently represents national and local organizations from over 70 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICSW promotes the recognition and realization of human rights, including fundamental rights of employment, income, food, shelter, education, health care and security. It strives to empower its members to fully participate in society as responsible citizens, with a greater civic voice and capacity to achieve meaningful results. Reduction of hardship and vulnerability especially amongst the disadvantaged remains a priority concern for this organization.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2015, ICSW elected a new President.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICSW's global representation continues to serve as the leverage underpinning its active participation in the work of the United Nations, especially as it relates to making policy statements and proposing constructive suggestions to social development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, ICSW regularly submitted policy statements to the Commission for Social Development (CSD) and the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). It attended the 50th, 51st, 52nd and 53rd sessions of the CSD and submitted statements on poverty eradication, empowering people, social integration, employment and decent work conditions. It also participated in the 59th session of the CSW in March 2015 and provided a statement outlining the nexus of gender and ageing highlighting the plight of elderly women and the need to address their marginalization in society. ICSW also actively participated in the third and fourth sessions of the Open-ended working group on ageing in 2013 and 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ICSW has continued to promote and extend its support to the Social Protection Floor Initiative (SPFI) put forward by the United Nations. It has been a founding member of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors, bringing together over 80 NGOs engaged with issues of social protection and promotion of SPFI. ICSW participated in all board meetings of the Social Protection Inter-Agency Cooperation Board established in June 2012 which is jointly chaired by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Bank, and cooperates in the area of social protection harnessing greater impact at the country level.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, this organization undertook noteworthy initiatives to promote gender equality and support the empowerment of women.

14. International Federation for Human Rights Leagues

Special, 1952

Introduction

The International Federation for Human Rights Leagues (IFHRL) was established in 1922 and is currently represented by 178 human rights organisations worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948, its objective has been to advance on the concrete implementation of the Declaration.

Significant changes in the organization

IFHRL's membership expanded from 164 member organizations at the end of 2011 to 178 at the end of 2015. It has also established a permanent delegation in New York to increase its collaboration with the United Nations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFHRL prioritized the following themes which guided its work within the United Nations system including: combating impunity; implementing economic and social rights; guaranteeing women's rights as fundamental human rights; and protecting human rights defenders. During the reporting period, it has organized multiple training sessions benefiting over 87 human rights defenders and has submitted over 100 memoranda addressing a wide range of United Nations mechanisms, special procedures and items under the purview of the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFHRL has drafted significant amounts of written submissions and advocacy documents to include over 175 reports and advocacy documents targeting the United Nations. It also submitted over 33 oral statements to the Human Rights Council's regular and special sessions and organized 10 side events. IFHRL also regularly attended the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights and submitted position papers to the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations and the High-Level review of Security Council Resolution 1325 of 2005.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IFHRL organized training seminars for human rights defenders with a view to promote dialogue and cooperation with member states on items under the purview of the Security Council. IFHRL also worked closely with member states to help draft and mobilize support for resolutions, particularly in the margins of the Third Committee. It provides information on a regular basis to the special rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights by engaging with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IFHRL has been instrumental in raising awareness on the inclusion of human rights in the Sustainable Development Goals. In support of the MDGs, it conducted various trainings, organized campaigns and provided written submissions in relation to the following topics:

- Impact of austerity measures in Greece, land rights defenders, as well as economic social and cultural rights in Guatemala, Russia and South Africa;
- Sexual violence in Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Guinea, Libya, Mali, Nigeria, Tunisia and in Syria; and women's rights in Afghanistan, the Arab region, Senegal, Uganda and Vietnam;

Integration of human rights in development policies, trade agreements and investment treaties in the workplace; and measuring the impact of corporate actors on human rights.

15. International Federation of Beekeepers Associations

Special, 1972

Introduction

International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations (IFBA) promotes the scientific, technical, ecological, social and economic development of apiculture. With over 112 members representing 80 countries across five continents, IFBA promotes the cooperation of associations, scientific bodies and individuals involved in apicultural worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFBA promotes awareness-raising on the significant contribution of bees and other pollinators for protecting biodiversity and enhancing the use of products created by bees.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFBA carried out working groups on honey adulteration, bee genetics and apitourism and organised international symposia in different regions. This includes convening two international congresses in Ukraine in 2013 and in the Republic of Korea in 2015, and over ten international beekeeping symposia in Canada, China, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Republic of San Marino, Serbia, Tanzania and Turkey.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IFBA has coordinated extensively with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) as part of its functions. In 2012 and 2014, it organised the ApiEcoFlora International Symposium with the active participation of FAO staff responsible for agricultural production and protection with reference to pollination services and beekeeping-related technologies for rural communities. IFBA seeks to further cultivate its partnership with FAO to establish a framework agreement in beekeeping.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.